MINUTES OF SIOUX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 26, 2000

The Board of Supervisors of Sioux County, Iowa, met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock a.m. with Vice-Chairman Vernon Beernink presiding. Members present were William Vander Maten, Vernon Beernink, Bernard L. Smith and Stanley L. De Haan. Chairman Loren Bouma was absent.

Minutes of December 19, 2000 were read and on motion and vote stand approved as read.

Committee reports were given this date.

Dennis Lange, County Auditor, reported on the canvass of election returns for the Special Chatsworth Municipal Election held on Tuesday, December 19, 2000.

Motion by Smith and supported by De Haan to approve the following canvass of the Special Chatsworth Municipal Election returns including late absentee ballots that were received and properly postmarked after the polls closed in accordance with Section 53.17, Code of Iowa as Amended:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

"Shall a water utility for the provision of water service to the City of Chatsworth be established?"

Yes 36 No 2

The public measure was approved due to a favorable majority vote.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

"Shall proposed Ordinance No. 2000 granting to Southern Sioux County Rural Water System a non-exclusive franchise to operate a water utility system in the City of Chatsworth, Iowa, for a period of 25 years be adopted?"

Yes 33 No 2

The public measure was approved due to a favorable majority vote.

Roll Call on Vote: Vander Maten, Yes; Beernink, Yes; Bouma, Absent; Smith, Yes; and De Haan, Yes. Carried, unanimous in favor with one member absent.

Dennis Sassman, County Community Services Director, met with the Board this date to report that there have been increasing inquiries regarding available energy assistance. He stated that there have been 32 inquiries and 18 applications for available energy assistance.

Dennis Sassman, County Community Services Director, also reported that a number of employees in the Sioux County Department of Human Services office have received various pornographic e-mail messages from an individual residing in Sioux County. Law enforcement authorities are investigating the matter.

Cynthia Beauman, Executive Director of Northwest Aging Association, met with the Board this date to review a fiscal year 2000 report for the Northwest Aging Association and discuss a budget request in an amount of \$13,135.00 for fiscal year 2002.

The following persons were also in attendance for the aforementioned presentation:

Elmer H. Vermeer – representative for Seniors
Jill Christoffels – representative for CHEARS Home Health Agency
Kim Westerholm – representative for Community Health Partners
Don Vander Schaaf – Northwest Aging Association Councilmember
Cheryl Tomjack – representative for Hegg Home Health Agency

Mike Staudenmier, representative for Telephone Systems and Service in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, met with the Board this date to review available alternatives to relocating the core county telephone panel located in the County Jail building which serves as the telephone hub for the Court House, County Engineer's Building, County Jail Building and County Department of Human Services Building if a proposed new law enforcement center would be erected. A Board decision has not been made as to a location for a proposed new law enforcement center or whether a proposed new law enforcement center would have a stand-alone telephone system or be connected to the other county office buildings.

Vernon Beernink, Vice-chairman of Board, instructed Mike Staudenmier, representative for Telephone Systems and Service in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to visit with Jim Schwiesow, County Sheriff, about the aforementioned telephone matter.

The Board approve payment of claims as presented by the County Auditor from all departments this date.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, January 2, 2001.

Vernon Beernink, Vice-Chairman Sioux County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Dennis Lange

Sioux County Auditor